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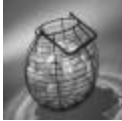
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Prices in New York were unchanged when compared to last Friday. Elsewhere, weekly prices were sharply lower on all sizes when compared to a week ago. Trade sentiment was steady to weak, mostly barely steady. Demand was light to instances fairly good. Floor stocks were clearing, however overall supplies were reported as adequate to ample for current requirements. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for trade needs, although schedules ranged reduced to full time. Light type fowl were at least adequate for the light to moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Midwest delivered prices were sharply lower for all sizes. Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were unchanged. Trade sentiment was about steady to usually barely steady. Cartoned egg demand ranged light to at times fairly good. Loose egg movement was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample. Central states breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to lower. Offerings were light to moderate for the quiet demand. Floor stocks fully adequate to ample. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers.		
				RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	46-55	49-52	LARGE	27-36	31
LARGE	45-54	47-50	MEDIUM	18-24	22
MEDIUM	36-45	38-41	SMALL	7-11	

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were sharply lower on all sizes when compared to last week's prices. Trade sentiment was mostly barely steady entering the week. Demand into all channels ranged light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for normal to reduced schedules. Light type hens were at least adequate for the light to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	51-65	54-58
LARGE	48-62	53-57
MEDIUM	38-51	43-45

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were sharply lower for all sizes. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady. Retail demand was light to at times fairly good. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to lower. Offerings were light to moderate for the quiet demand. Floor stocks fully adequate to ample. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	53.5-62	55-58
LARGE	52.5-61	54-57
MEDIUM	39.5-48	41-44

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Weekly prices were trending sharply lower on all sizes when compared to the previous week's values. The market tone was barely steady. Retail and distributive demand was moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for current requirements. Breaking stock offerings were mostly adequate for the fair demand. Spent hens were at least sufficient for a light to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	54.5-73	56-59
LARGE	53-69	54-57
MEDIUM	41.5-47	42-46

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to Friday's prices. Trade sentiment was at best steady to barely steady. Post-holiday demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for current trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	62-66
LARGE	60-64
MEDIUM	50-54

MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	53-61	54-56
LARGE	51-59	52-54
MEDIUM	42-50	43-45

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

WESTERN Prices 22-23 cents lower on jumbo, 22 cents lower on extra large, 20-21 cents lower on large, and 6-7 cents lower on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 26% lower than last Monday with California down 31% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 17%. Retailer demand slowed. Offerings ample.

CALIFORNIA Prices 22 cents lower on jumbo and extra large, 21 cents lower on large, and 7 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 31% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand slowed. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 62.

Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	100
EXTRA LARGE	96
LARGE	91
MEDIUM	82

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

	RANGE
JUMBO	279-329
EXTRA LARGE	249-309
LARGE	199-259
MEDIUM	189-239

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

	RANGE
JUMBO	309-359
EXTRA LARGE	269-339
LARGE	199-299
MEDIUM	179-275

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending April 21, 2006 will decrease by 5 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending April 14, 2006 were 450,557 cases which was 30 percent above the prior week and 24 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	404,541	46,016	450,557

% change from the prior week.....	+36	-6	+30

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to lower. Offerings were light to moderate with demand quiet. Floor stocks fully adequate to ample. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	23-26	23-24
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	13-19	13-15
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings from producers. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 17-APR-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-15.5 CENTS/LB.	11-13	12.33
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly fair to no better than moderate for the generally adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal to instances less than normal. The undertone was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 17-APR-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-15 CENTS/LB.	11-13	12.07
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

CANADIAN EGGS QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES-GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 03, 2006

GRADEA	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.88	1.85	1.76	1.17

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF APRIL 03, 2006 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADEA	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.46	1.46	1.36	.77

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- APRIL 17, 2006

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific
Jumbo	Curr Wk	12.7	20.1	8.4	15.2	13.1
	Change	-2.0	-4.7	-4.1	0.4	-0.8
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	24.0	52.2	7.2	17.5	36.5
	Change	-11.3	-5.4	-4.5	-7.0	-10.0
Large	Curr Wk	34.4	130.1	57.6	70.3	112.0
	Change	-19.8	-27.7	-26.4	-28.3	-60.0
Medium	Curr Wk	10.8	38.2	11.9	18.2	27.3
	Change	-0.5	-5.7	-2.6	0.3	-6.8
Small	Curr Wk	3.5	7.5	0.2	6.1	9.7
	Change	0.7	-0.7	-1.7	1.8	-3.1
Misc	Curr Wk	6.2	32.2	7.4	12.5	5.1
	Change	1.1	3.0	-1.7	0.0	1.3
Ungraded	Curr Wk	18.7	46.0	19.5	23.6	23.6
	Change	-2.9	-2.5	-1.4	-1.2	-1.5
Total	Curr Wk	110.3	326.3	112.2	163.4	227.3
Percent	Change	-24%	-12%	-27%	-17%	-26%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	939.5	-20%	167
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	265.6	4%	35
Total Shell Egg	1205.1	-16%	202

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 167 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks.

This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers. No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Shell Egg Inventory Prior to Easter

	2006	2005	2004	2003
	4/16	3/27	4/11	4/20
Mar 20, 2006 4 weeks prior	1229.8	1236.2	1100.6	1162.1
Mar 27, 2006 3 weeks prior	1356.8	1298.5	1310.4	1275.9
Apr 03, 2006 2 weeks prior	1387.6	1329.2	1489.3	1286.0
Apr 10, 2006 1 week prior	1175.2	1075.0	1243.4	933.2
Apr 17, 2006 first Mon after	939.5	847.6	843.8	676.5

(A graph of this data in pdf format can be accessed on the AMS

Poultry Market News website at:

<http://www.ams.usda.gov/poultry/mncs/stats.htm>

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT

North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI

South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX

South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV

Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR APRIL 14, 2006**CURRENT LOADS** 37.25 **FUTURE LOADS** 4.00 **TOTAL LOADS** 41.25

TOTAL LOADS								TOTAL LOADS								
SE				NE		MW		SC				NW		SW		
CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 3	—	—		—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	33.20	38.00	—	—	—	42.82	6.50
GL W XL	—	40.00		—	—	30.50	—	8.00	GL W LG	30.00	41.00	—	—	—	45.00	2.50
GL W LG	—	—		—	—	32.00	—	3.00	GL W MD	19.00	—	—	33.17	—	30.00	3.25
GL W MD	—	27.00		—	—	21.00	—	4.00								
NRBS - 48	22.00	23.00		—	—	—	23.40	22.00								

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 04/10/06-04/14/06**CURRENT LOADS** 108.75 **FUTURE LOADS** 56.75 **TOTAL LOADS** 165.50

SE								NE		MW		SC								NW		SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	38.00	42.33	40.50	41.20	42.00	—	22.00	GNR W 1	—	58.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W J	39.63	—	—	—	47.00	52.90	8.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	33.69	39.88	—	45.75	—	43.46	23.25	GL W LG	29.43	41.00	—	64.89	—	42.14	16.75		
GL W J	—	—	56.00	57.00	39.90	—	6.00	GL W MD	23.13	—	25.00	33.17	—	30.29	8.50	GL W SM	17.00	—	—	—	—	24.00	2.00		
GL W XL	—	42.63	48.00	47.00	32.79	37.96	61.50	GL BR XL	—	—	—	61.00	—	—	.50	GL BR LG	—	—	—	66.50	—	—	1.50		
GL W LG	—	42.08	46.50	48.00	30.97	42.67	20.75	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00										
GL W MD	38.00	29.00	30.38	32.00	21.00	—	11.75																		
GL W SM	—	—	22.25	24.50	18.00	—	7.00																		
GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	46.50	—	.50																		
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	46.50	—	1.50																		
NRBS - 48	22.00	23.50	—	—	22.42	25.18	72.00																		
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	24.25	8.00																		
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	15.00	3.00																		

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	04/10/06	04/03/06	04/11/05
PACIFIC COAST	72	72	246
LOS ANGELES	67	67	237

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is lower on extra large, large and medium. Steady on small. Supplies are fully adequate. Retail demand is fair.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	71.86
LARGE	70.86
MEDIUM	60.25
SMALL	48.00

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 – 261	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 – 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 – 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 – 142	125 - 128

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